

REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 7-11 and 13-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokuda et al.

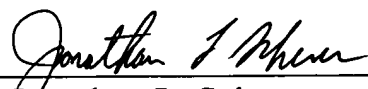
In response to the Office Action, the allowable subject matter of claims 7, 13, 19 and 20 has been placed in independent claim form by amendments to claims 6, 12, 19 and 20, respectively. Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC

By: 
Jonathan L. Scherer
Reg. No. 29,851

400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2201
(202) 638-6666
Date: August 26, 2008
JLS:ms